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From the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery
Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, *Chief*

Decision aids can support cancer clinical trials decisions: Results of a randomized trial



| Shared Decision Making Research |
Mary Politi, PhD; Esther Lu, PhD; et al.
Published in *The Oncologist*
[PubMed](#) | [Politi Profile](#) | [Lu Profile](#)

Body fatness and cancer: Viewpoint of the IARC working group



| Chronic Disease Prevention Research |
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*
[NEJM](#) | [Colditz Profile](#) | [WUSM News Release](#)

Geographical location and stage of breast cancer: A systematic review of the literature



| Health Disparities Research |
Aimee James, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*
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ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Ross Brownson, PhD](#), on receiving a **\$2.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health** to help reduce the burden of diabetes through policy change and program implementation. Read the [news announcement](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences also congratulates [Esther Lu, PhD](#), [Feng Gao, MD, PhD, MPH](#), and [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), on receiving funds through the **Pancreas SPORE at Washington University School of Medicine**. Drs. Lu and Gao will work as the biostatisticians on this \$10.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Colditz will be part of the administrative and biostatistics cores. Read the [news announcement](#).
- Attending the **AACR Conference of Cancer Health Disparities Sept. 25-28 in Ft. Lauderdale**? Make sure to attend our **faculty presentations** by [Erin Linnenbringer, PhD](#), (poster); [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), (oral); and [Rebecca Lobb, ScD, MPH](#), (oral), during the conference.

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- Washington University School of Medicine is hosting the [Communicating Science Symposium](#) workshop **Sept. 26-29 and invite WUSM faculty and staff to register for the workshops.** [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), and [Erika Waters, PhD, MPH](#), are among the WUSM faculty presenters for this free workshop.
- Join us **Thursday, October 20, at 4:30 p.m.** for the **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series** in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room, 2131, in the Taylor Avenue Building. Benjamin Kozower, MD, MPH, professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, will present *Public Reporting of Surgical Outcomes*. See upcoming [seminar series](#) presentations.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences **welcomes [Saira Khan, PhD](#), and [Marvin Langston, PhD](#), the fall 2016 T32 trainees.** Dr. Khan's research has focused on prostate cancer, while Dr. Langston has researched trace elements as cancer risk factors.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), was featured in a [KSDK advertisement for the 2016 Summer Olympics](#). Dr. Toriola reviewed the importance of physical activity in the prevention of cancer and chronic diseases. 2) [Cassandra Arroyo-Johnson, PhD](#), was quoted about her St. Louis City playground research and disparities in maintenance in St. Louis City. Read the news coverage in the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#). 3) [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), spoke with the [North American Congress on Latin American](#) about access to healthcare in Guatemala and was highlighted in a news article discussing the large number of clinical research studies conducted in the country. 4) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), was interviewed for many news articles regarding his recent publication in The New England Journal of Medicine (above), which suggests obesity is linked to eight more cancer types. Read some of the coverage: [The New York Times](#), [HealthDay](#), [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), and [Fox News](#).

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